

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just before the election is a clear example of the dangers of political propaganda posing as objective news reporting, and the undue influence of a corporation on the truthfulness of the information it presents.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when this large company controls the airwaves, we get more of what's good for corporate profits, and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities, and more objective and truthful reporting about various issues in the news.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.